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For Immediate Release:

STUDENTS DISPLACED BY KATRINA WELCOMED AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University is extending a welcoming hand to college students who have had their education placed on hold by Hurricane Katrina.

President Lou Hencken announced this week that students whose education has been disrupted as a result of the storm will be extended in-state tuition rates and will have all application and late fees waived.

In addition, EIU personnel will work with affected students to develop flexible payment plans and in finding any available sources for financial aid and other types of support.

Potential students should be aware that Fall 2005 classes began Aug. 22, so those thinking about attending Eastern should apply as soon as possible. Brenda Major, director of admissions, said the university plans to work with students as expeditiously as possible to help with the admissions and class registration processes.

Interested persons should contact her at (217) 581-2223 or 1-800-252-5711.

Major added that Eastern is prepared to help displaced students with enrollment for both Fall 2005 and Spring 2006.

“The EIU community embraces these students and their families, and is committed to helping them during this difficult time,” she said.